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**A Message from our President**

Spring Greetings to our Cardinal Virginians,

As I write this, spring is just around the corner. It always amazes me to watch nature come back to life again, and I am blessed to be able to watch it all happen again this year.

Speaking of Spring, with our April rally at Madison Vines, our rally season gets underway. We are looking forward to getting back together with our Cardinal family, it has been too long.

Good friends and great times!



On March 8, Sherree and I welcomed another Granddaughter!

Congratulations to Sarah and Jeremy Bishop. Adylee Joyce Bishop is now our newest camping member!

**Check our rally schedule and make those reservations and join us.** Time waits for no one, campgrounds will soon be releasing our sites to other campers, don't wait until it is too late! It will be a good time for all.

And as a reminder: **This is my last year as your Cardinal Virginians president, so be thinking about who you'd like to take over the presidency in October, keeping our chapter moving forward**

I'll be seeing you soon at a rally!

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## **APRIL RALLY AGENDA**

### **Cardinal Virginians Rally at Madison Vines Rally April 24-27**

**\*\*\* Please bring your own plates and eating utensils to all meals\*\*\***

**Thursday** – Travel Day - Welcome to Madison Vines!

**4:30 pm – Happy Hour at the hosts' site.** Your hosts, Sherree and Betty will be providing light Happy Hour Snacks. BYOB.

**5:30 pm – Dinner and Dessert** provided by your hosts. " will be Sloppy Joes, Potato Casserole, Corn Soufflé, Cole Slaw, and Dessert. Please bring your own and eating utensils. BYOB.

**Friday** Breakfast and Lunch on your own.

### **11:00 Tour of Graffiti House Museum in Brandy Station**

Betty will do the tour for anyone interested in attending.

**You will need to leave the Campground by 10:15.**

Free time to visit the area or just enjoy the campground amenities. See the list

provided with suggested places to visit.

**4:30 pm Happy Hour at Hosts' site.** Prior to the evening activities offered by the campground. **Last names A-L to provide HH snacks.** BYOB.

### **Social Hour & Full Pay Out Bingo**

#### **5:30 – 7:30 pm Jefferson Center**

Join us for Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup with Grilled Cheese on Rustic Bread for \$5.00. Around 6:30 pm, we transition to up to four fast-paced bingo games with 100% payouts. Cards are \$5.00 cash at the door and are good for all games.

Please purchase your \$5.00 meal tickets by 2:00 pm Friday afternoon in the office or when you check in at the Campground.

**Dinner on your own if you choose not to participate in the campground activity.**

#### **Saturday 9:00 am – Pot luck breakfast at the hosts' site.**

Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share with everyone. BYOB.

Free time to visit the area or just enjoy the campground amenities. See the list provided with suggested places to visit.

Lunch on your own.

**4:30 pm - Happy Hour at Hosts' site.** Prior to the evening activities offered by the campground. **Last names M-Z to provide HH snacks.** BYOB.

**5:30 pm - Dinner hosted by the campground – Loaded Brats Dinner** at the Jefferson Center

Come and enjoy Grilled Brats & Half Smokes, Grilled Peppers & Onions, Kraut, & More Toppings, Baked Beans, Ranch Potato Wedges, Pineapple Slaw and Dessert. All of this for just \$10!

Please purchase your \$10 tickets by 2:00 pm Friday afternoon in the office or when you arrive.

**Dinner on your own if you choose not to participate in the campground activity.**

**Sunday 8:30 am:** Devotions at hosts' site. 9:00 am

Join Us for a Hot Breakfast Spread at the Jefferson Center.

Please purchase your \$5 breakfast tickets by 2:00 pm Friday afternoon in the office or when you check in at the campground .

\*\*\*\*ALL EVENTS AND MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*\*

Thanks for coming and safe travels to all!

Questions? Betty Franklin (540-270-7219 ) or Sherree Barton (276-223-7364)

Madison Vines <https://madisonvinesrvresortandcottages.com/events/1687/>  
540-948-4186

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### **CARING AND CONCERNS:**

It seems everyone made it through the winter months without major setbacks or at least none that we know about. Please let us know how things are going if you are having any setbacks other than getting a little older!

Please contact me if you know of anyone I need to reach out to at 540-270-7219 or [fallenoakfarm@juno.com](mailto:fallenoakfarm@juno.com)

Betty Franklin

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### **2025 rallies**

Hello again Cardinal Virginians,

This is your wagon master coming to you for your assistance. As you can see from the picture of the rally board, we **still have 1 month that has not been signed up for so put on your thinking caps** and come up with something and select which month you would like to host. It is not that big of a job and you can get someone to co-host with you. So let's get our rally board filled up. Let me know what month you want along with dates and place. Here is a list of our **2025 rallies** as of now. **Make those reservations now so you will not be left out! Campgrounds are already renting out nearby sites!**

Let Gary Lambert our Trail Boss know of your plans to host. Phone 540-354-1963 or email [sazzmo@outlook.com](mailto:sazzmo@outlook.com). **Be sure to mark your calendars and make those reservations, and let the rally host know you will be attending.**

#### **Cardinal Virginians April rally:**

Our April rally we will be arriving on Thursday April 24 departing on Sunday April 27 at Madison Vines RV Resort and Cottages, 110 Campground Ln, Madison, VA. 22727



Phone 540-948-4186. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. 15 sites and being held. More info to follow. Hosted by Betty Franklin and Sherree Barton (Betty-540-270-7219 or [fallenoakfarm@juno.com](mailto:fallenoakfarm@juno.com)) (Sherree 276-223-7364 or [sbarton@appleshackcrafts.com](mailto:sbarton@appleshackcrafts.com))

**Cardinal Virginians May rally:**

Our May rally we will be arriving on Monday May 12 and departing on Friday May 16 at Cross Winds Family Campground, 160 Campground Lane, Linwood, NC 27299 (GPS address is 159 Sowers Rd, Linwood). Phone 336-853-4567. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. 14 sites are being held until April 23, 2025. More info to follow. Hosted by John and Diane Cooper (434-941-0688 or [jcoop5342@gmail.com](mailto:jcoop5342@gmail.com))

**Cardinal Virginians June rally:**

Our June rally we will be arriving on Thursday June 26 and departing Sunday June 29 at Lake Ridge RV resort, 8736 Double Cabin Rd, Hillsville, VA, 24343. Phone 276-766-3703. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site to get the 15% discount. 15 sites are being held until April 1, 2025. More info to follow. Hosted by Jeremy and Sarah Bishop (and Baby Bishop) (276-613-5487 or [bishops816@gmail.com](mailto:bishops816@gmail.com))

**Cardinal Virginians July Rally: open,** (FMCA's 111th International Convention, July 16-19, Gillette, WY.)

**Cardinal Virginians August Rally:**

Our August rally we will be arriving on 18 and departing on August 21, 2025 at Sun Resorts Shenandoah Valley 348 Lake Road, Stuarts Draft, VA. 24477. Phone 540-337-2267. Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians rally when booking your site. Hosted by Mark & Karilyn Pittman, and Bob & Sherry Sonessa (Karilyn 540-661-5406 or [karilypittman@gmail.com](mailto:karilypittman@gmail.com)) (Bob 540-230-2431 or [ssonessa@comcast.net](mailto:ssonessa@comcast.net))

**Cardinal Virginians September rally**

It will be September 10 thru 14 at Mayberry Campground, 114 Byron Bunker Lane, Mt. Airy, NC 27030, phone 336-789-6199.

Be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians when making your reservation to obtain the site discount. Please let Jane and Gary know of your plans to attend so they can plan accordingly, email- [sazzmo@outlook.com](mailto:sazzmo@outlook.com); phone- (540) 354-1963

**Cardinal Virginians October rally:**

Our October rally will be held arriving on October 30 departing on November 3, at Crossroads RV Park 243 S Church St, Lake City, SC, 29560 [LakeCityRV.com](http://LakeCityRV.com) Phone (843) 374-2131, be sure to mention you are with the Cardinal Virginians when making your reservations to obtain the rally discount rate.

**Cardinal Virginians November rally:**

From Lake City we are traveling on to the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) held this year November 4 thru 8 at Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC, 29575. Phone 877.510.1413 OceanLakes.com

The Eastern Area have reserved 300 full hook-up sites at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. The sites will be available from Sunday November 2 until departure on November 9, 2025. The dates for GEAR will be November 5th to 9th. Site reservations for GEAR 25 are available now by calling Ocean Lakes Family Campground directly. Use the name “**2025 FMCA Eastern Area**” when making site reservations. This is for site locations only. Registration for GEAR 25 will be separate from the site registration.

Chapters that want to be close to each other please review the map of Ocean Lakes and decide what sites you want before you make your reservation. There is no guarantee that the sites will be available.

The price for GEAR 25 has not been established at this time and the program is still in the planning stage. We hope you will join us in Myrtle Beach.

Gary Lambert

Wagon Master

CARDINAL VIRGINIANS RALLYS 2025		
MONTH APRIL 24-27	HOST/S FRANKLIN & BARTON	LOCATION Madison Vines
MAY 12-16	COOPER'S	CROSSWINDS FAMILYGG Limwood, NC
JUNE 26-29	Bishop's	LAKE Ridge RU RESORT Hillsville, VA
<b>JULY</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>Open</b>
AUGUST 18-21	SONNESSAS + PITTMANS	SUN RESORTS STUARTS Draft VA
SEPTEMBER 10-14	Jane & Gary Lambert	Mayberry Campground, 114 Byron Lane, Mt. Airy, NC 336-789-6199

OCTOBER 29- Nov2	?	CROSSROADS RESORT LAKE CITY, SC
NOVEMBER 5-9; Early sites Nov 2	GEAR	OCEAN LAKES MYRTAL BEACH, SC

**if you are thinking of attending the May rally, the last day to reserve a site is April, 21. After that the rally sites will be released. Come and join us**

## MAY RALLY AGENDA

### **May 12-15 , 2025 Rally – Cardinal Virginians -**

Crosswinds Family Campground  
(GPS is) 159 Sowers Road  
Linwood, NC 27299  
Phone 336-853-4567

Make reservations until April 21 – currently: Barton, Lambert, Handy, Ferguson, Sonessa, Pittman, Seaman, Crabtree & Rojiani

Please email [cooper4me48@gmail.com](mailto:cooper4me48@gmail.com) what you are bringing so we do not have duplicate.

**Arrive Monday May 12** Heavy Hors'd'oeuvres – everyone bring something to share (this is going to be dinner) Coopers- Cowboy Beans (need sides and desserts)

### **Tuesday May 13**

Breakfast – 9:00 - Pancakes – Sausage  
Lunch – On your own to explore  
Happy Hour – 5:00  
Dinner – 6:00 Queso Salsa Mexican restaurant -Salisbury

### **Wednesday May 14**Breakfast – 9:00 – Quiche, Fruit, Eggs, Bacon

Lunch – On your own to explore  
Happy Hour 5:00  
Dinner –6:00 **POT LUCK** - Everyone bring something (Coopers – will have Chicken Tenders)  
Need Sides and desserts

### **Thursday May 15**

Breakfast –9:00 continental breakfast –  
Pack up and leave

### **THINGS TO DO**

- NC Transportation Museum - Tues – Sat. 9-5 Spencer. NC
- Nascar Hall of Fame

### **Breweries & Wineries**

- New Sarum Brewery – Salisbury
- Childress Vineyards Thurs 11-6
- Cauble Creek Winery 11-6
- Cougar run Winery – Concord 10-5

### **Thrift Stores and shopping**

- Concord Mills Mall
- Salvation Army
- Marketplace on Main
- Nazareth Thrift Store
- Goodwill
- Wanda's Good Stuff (further away in Mount Holly)
- Value Village (near Charlotte)

### **Spanky's Ice Cream** – Salisbury

### **Trails & Walking Parks**

- Dan Nichols Park
- Eagle Point Nature Preserve and Riverpark at Cooleemee Falls

## **WANT AND SELL ADS**

Please feel free to advertise any items you would like to sell. Just send me the information for our newsletter.

Sherry and Bob Sonessa have one brand new, never been used, Michelin tire. Size 305/70/R22.5 that will fit most class A motor homes. These tires normally sell for around \$975 each, now offering it for FREE to a good home.

Call Bob Sonessa cell number 540-230-2431.

This is a grand opportunity for a spare tire.

Baynard





If you have anything to go into the next it newsletter please send your info to me at [matthewsjh@gmail.com](mailto:matthewsjh@gmail.com). Preferably in word format.  
Judy Matthews, Editor

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